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PUT HIGGINS TO SHAME.

A controversy over official etiquette is a poor excuse for District-Attorney Jerome to delay prosecuting the Equitable thieves. He is not limited to the testimony taken by Supt. Hendricks. The District-Attorney's powers have no such restrictions as those manifested in the Superintendent of Insurance's office.

If Mr. Jerome is desirous of reading the Hendricks testimony he could have found it several days ago in the columns of The World. There is enough there to secure the indictment of several Equitable officials.

Better yet, Mr. Jerome could take his own testimony. He can proceed in any Magistrate's court in New York or before a Grand Jury. A court has the advantage that the proceedings there could be public. Every witness would have to attend there and be sworn. Mr. Harriman and Mr. Ryan should also be called, and it would be valuable to call Supt. Hendricks and hear his testimony explaining his false certificate of Equitable assets.

A fraction of the energy displayed in prosecuting Mr. Hummel or the man accused of society blackmail or other offenders who are neither millionaires nor powerful politicians would at least procure the first steps toward starting some politicians and high financiers to Sing Sing.

If Gov. Higgins refuses full publicity let Mr. Jerome furnish it, and put Higgins and Hendricks to shame.

Mr. Jerome's official energy is too ephemeral and evanescent. He exhausts himself in pyrotechnics. Here is a great opportunity for him really to do something worth while. Will he take it?

RAILROAD PIES.

An engineer and fireman blocked traffic on the Santa Fe road with two railroad lunch-counter pies. The pies were not put on the track or in the locomotive fire-box, but caused the trouble through their transfer to the midsts of the engineer and the fireman.

Shortly after eating his pie the engineer lay down on the floor of the engine and writhed. The fireman stopped the engine and then lay down and writhed too. The Santa Fe road at this point is a one-track line. No one would take the responsibility of running the engine, and the train stood there for several hours, blocking all traffic on the road until an investigation showed the cause and a substitute pieless engineer was provided.

It has never been supposed by the public that railroad pies were eaten by railroad employees. The nature of the railroad pie is too well known. Its object is not to furnish sustenance, but to increase the demand for dyspepsia remedies.

It is another example of the retributive justice that the railroad itself should suffer for its share in this continued attack on the digestive apparatus of the travelling public.

Mr. Cleveland and Judge O'Brien have joined Mr. Westinghouse in certifying to Jacob H. Schiff's "honesty of purpose." Mr. Schiff says his conscience has awakened and that "I am endeavoring to lead a righteous life." Confession, contrition and retribution would be a better proof that Mr. Schiff's conscience is in good working order than a cord of certificates from Mr. Ryan's dummy trustees.

Wicked Nebraska railroads kidnapped Gov. Mickey so that he could not hear Lawson's speech. Is Lawson so fearful as that? Or maybe this is a press agent's story.

Seven-year-old Annie Eihorn, of No. 65 Sheriff street, lost her life trying to save her doll Henrietta from falling off the fire-escape.

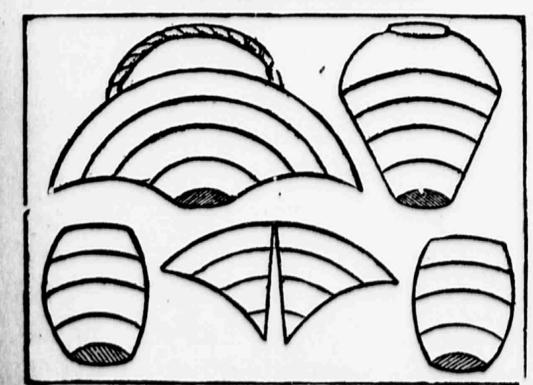
These stories of modern Bluebeards sound like the tales of the old folklore books.

The stork has visited Marshall P. Wilder and left a baby girl.

Letters from the People.

Prayer for Wayward Son. To the Editor of The Evening World: "Broken-Hearted Mother" asks other mothers what she shall do with an incorrigible boy of sixteen. Broken-hearted mother, I feel for you as I too am a mother, but I must say that you are rather late in trying to get control of your son. If you do not have control before the age of sixteen, I am afraid he is a goner. But if you will spend some time alone in prayer perhaps you can begin over with your boy. Then when you have prayed earnestly let him pray with you and I am sure he will be impressed by your interest, which I am afraid has not always been intense. An example is all that counts with children. Try it. Mrs. I. G. Elephant's Weight in Gold. To the Editor of The Evening World: A. M. J. asks how an elephant could be weighed in a land where there are no scales and how the elephant's weight in gold can be determined. Have a bag made and fill with air; under the bag a large button connected to a tube with water. By having the elephant lie on his back on the bag the water in the tube will rise. Cause the elephant to be removed and substitute gold enough to make the water rise as far as the elephant was on. H. A. D. Slot-Machine Losses. To the Editor of The Evening World: I wish to enter a protest against the loss of money of the patrons of the slot-machine. I have often noticed men, women and children lose the cent they dropped into these machines, and thought it very wrong that the public must stand for it. I dropped a cent in a machine. The cent dropped out of sight. The machine did not work. I received no gum. At another station I dropped a cent in a machine, lost my cent and did not get any gum. Is there no way to put a stop to this? Must we New Yorkers be done by every one on every thing? J. K. C. R.—Records of marriages, births and deaths are kept at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Fifty-fifth street and Sixth avenue.

A Little Game of Patterns.



Cut out the basket, barrels, pail and fan and join them, after removing the handles. They will form a pretty disk, and if you wish you can give it various colors with crayon.

The Tin Side of Women's Hearts.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.



VER in Brooklyn a little matron with tear-dimmed eyes sits bewailing the sad inhumanity of woman to her kind. She is Mrs. Thaddeus Williams, Jr., who, anxious to amass \$500 to enable her attorneys to secure the annulment of her marriage, sought the sympathy and financial aid of her sex by advertising a clipping bee, at which only three curiosity-seekers without funds showed up. Two thousand tickets at 25 cents each had been issued, but, alas! not sold, and the eternal indifference of the supposedly gentler sex to the woes of their own kind was once more exemplified. Women, to be sure, sympathize with the woman who is down on one condition. She must stay down. The moment she attempts to rise from or

to profit by her proneness the sex, as one woman, lights upon her chest. Witness the sudden, complete withdrawal of feminine sympathy from the lately famous Miss Patterson. When Nan sat, a torpid mass of scarcely animate flesh that responded to Rand's fierce railing as an elephant might to a gentle pin prick, feminine New York grew hysterical over her wrongs. But when she emerged from the unbecoming shadow of death, and the lurid sad-rose-bent glare which is her element showed its effects in her dress and bearing, our sympathy fell from her with the demure grays and blacks of her prison garments. One woman who had shed tears during the trial over Nan's possibly impending doom, and saw her afterward in a giddy open-work shirt waist, mentioned the fact indignantly to me, as if the District-Attorney ought to order a new trial on the strength of it. And if I hadn't realized the absurdity I might have thrilled indignantly in return.

So long as a woman in distress wears the garb of woe and the aspect of penitence we recognize her as a sister, erring and deserving of sympathy, cast-off clothing and perhaps, as an occasional reminder of the joys she has forfeited, the stale quarter of a watermelon that has been in the ice-box for three days. But the barometer of our sympathy rises inversely as her spirit, and when she appears in a made-over reputation but brand-new French clothes we break the vials of our wrath upon them. "Women should be tried by women," various reformers urge from time to time with the insistence of a patent-medicine ad. But if they were, and an acquitted prisoner showed the least sign of exuberance within ten years after leaving the court-room the jury would want to try her over again. Unless a woman in misfortune of any kind is willing to sit in the corner and snuff ashes for the rest of her life as the price of the sympathy of her own sex she had better not seek it. For she will perish in their inevitable reaction if she does.

Baseball as a Business

By H. S. Fullerton



VER \$5,677,000 is paid out in salaries to the professional baseball players of the United States each year. Over \$2,500,000 is paid in other salaries and in expenses of maintaining the grounds of the professional clubs, about \$800,000 in railroad fares, about \$100,000 in sleeping car fares, about \$125,000 in training expenses, and perhaps \$200,000 in additional expenses. And this is only counting the expenses of the organized baseball leagues of the United States, registered and recorded under the national agreement. The total expense of operating baseball in the United States as an organized sport, therefore, is in the neighborhood of \$7,000,000. The fact remains that nearly one-half of the baseball club owners of the United States lose money every year, writes H. S. Fullerton in the Chicago Tribune.

As a business investment baseball ranks with wheat speculation—or even more risky than that—and few except the rich can afford to go into the game. A few men like John T. Brush—who owns the New York club—or rather, holds it in his name for A. Freedman and others—And Col. John Rogers, of Philadelphia, have made money in baseball as an investment. Comiskey, too, by his shrewdness and foresight has made a lot of money, and the owners of the Chicago National League club (all except Anson) have made money—but what has been made has been put into improvements of the plant. But even in those big organizations, like the National and American leagues, there are times when it is hard to make the league a money maker.

It is a queer business. In the league eight club owners form a partnership and practically agree to divide the profits of the year. That is, the visiting team gets nearly half the entire receipts, no matter where it plays, receiving 15 cents out of each 25-cent admission, 25 cents out of each 50-cent. Recent and of the total admission of the total admission, perhaps, the 80 cents or under, the visitors get nearly one-half, the home team having the advantage only on grand stand and box seat sales. After forming this partnership the team owners go in for themselves. The first effort is to beat the other seven partners out of the best ball players and form a winning club. Each one of the eight struggles and fights to get the players and the winning team, and then these partners, dividing profits equally, try to beat each other out of every ball game. To lose games means to lose money. The team whipped even twice in succession, feels the falling off at the box office.

There are in this country perhaps not more than twenty-five really first-class ball players, and of these perhaps seventeen are in the American league and eight in the National. This, of course, is exclusive of pitchers. The American League comes near averaging two really great ball players to the club, while the National runs about one to the club. This is the result of raids made by the American upon the National during the war between them. The National, losing its famous stars, was forced to go out and find new players to develop into winners. In three years, perhaps, the National will have the stars and the American stars will be going back rapidly—and most of them gone. A ball player like Lajoie, Wagner, or Keeler cannot be bought with money. In fact, whenever a really great ball player is sold—one good in every department of the game, batting, base running, fielding and throwing—there is back of that sale something, perhaps of a personal nature, which forces a club to sell him.

Said on the Side

MORE instances of little things with large consequences—"Pie ties up a railroad," first trying up the innards of the engineer and fireman on the Santa Fe who ate it. "Fish stop a train" on the Jersey Central by clogging a feed pipe in the boiler of the locomotive. "Police man who does a favor" on the Jersey Central by cutting the locomotive. Well, in connection with the last case, for the boy on vacation to take care of small cuts and bruises and take no chance of blood poison.

Dog makes personal application for a license, paying the fee himself. Deceased in East Nineteenth street buried in a handsome plot at Harlequin. Philadelphia doctor mourns the loss of a favorite dog, which had the distinction of wearing a gold crown on a front tooth. Canine pets continue to monopolize a large part of the day's news.

Little Willie's Guide to New York.

Gotham's Silly Season.

HIS is no year's silly season it is the time of year when people get foolish because it is too hot to be anything else. Even the man who used to talk about the long vacation a mere leading spell has been greatly improved upon. Number of college students who seek definite occupation of some kind between commencement and the opening of the fall term grows larger every year. Speaking of colleges, remark of the Vassar professor that the college girl is "a normal being" will be indorsed. No fear nowadays that a higher education is going to spoil her for ordinary life or make her too good for human nature's daily food. Wisconsin's plan of employing Indian girls in house work will be watched with interest. Little Bright-Eyes in the kitchen of the palace far from the tepee is an evolution of which Cooper never conceived. Warning to summer student writers by Mayor James P. Baxter, of Portland, not to accept tips because they lead to graft. Never do pay tuition fees with tainted money. Number of Smiths in Brooklyn shown by the new city directory to be 2,200. Smith family at least never comes in for remarks on race suicide.

More than 1,000 students registered for the summer course of study at Columbia. A ball player like Lajoie, Wagner, or Keeler cannot be bought with money. In fact, whenever a really great ball player is sold—one good in every department of the game, batting, base running, fielding and throwing—there is back of that sale something, perhaps of a personal nature, which forces a club to sell him.

The Mystery of Union Square

By Ernest De Lancey Pierson

George Allanby, going for financial aid to the Union Square Hotel, was suddenly arrested by a patrolman. He was taken to the station and held until the morning. The patrolman was named Sellen, and he was the only one who saw Allanby go into the hotel. The next morning Allanby was released, but he was still puzzled as to what had happened. He went to the hotel and found that the room he had occupied was empty. He searched the room and found a small box under the bed. He opened it and found a note which read: "Allanby, you are wanted for a murder." He was terrified and fled from the hotel. He went to the police and told them what had happened. They searched for him but could not find him. He was still at large.

He saw me before, but me peepers is kind of dim and I disremembered ye at first. Yes, it was him that done it. This gent, pointing to Allanby, 'didn't have nuthin' to do with it. You search Cleveland's name, I guess you'll get evidence enough. As fer me, I'm goin' ter live. Goin' ter live long enough to hang him, anyway,' shaking his fist at the prostrate figure. Cleveland was showing signs of reviving. Pendrick was ready, and in an astonishingly short time had taken the man hand and foot with a cord he had taken from his pocket. The former man of fashion, who now wore a rough overcoat and was hunched, lay there silent, gazing at the wounded man on the couch. "That's the way I like to see him," continued Dawkins. "I only hope he'll never get loose. He done it, and I guess if he had the screws put on he wouldn't say no."

CHAPTER XII. Retribution.

IT was a little after 10 when Samuel Pendrick and George Allanby came in sight of Barger's Hotel. Mr. Dawkins had kindly furnished George with explicit instructions, and turning to the right, where a narrow alleyway led to a narrow hall, where a dim light glimmered, he mounted the greasy stairs to the second floor. There existed a certain sinister feeling about the place that affected him, so that he paused on the landing until he heard the sound of a cautious step in the hall below, and knew that the detective was following him. As he passed before Dawkins's door and was about to rap on the panels, a noise within caused him to pause. It was the sound of a struggle going on within. A scuffling noise, such as two men might produce who were wrestling together. A touch on the arm caused him to start, for he thought he was alone. It was Pendrick, whom he had not heard approach. "Well, why don't you go in?" asked the little man in a whisper. "He's been inclined his ear to the key-hole and listened. Mr. Dawkins evidently has a visitor. Well, we must wait until the person goes. He seems to be entertaining him in rather a strenuous way," as the scuffling noise within increased. He had scarcely delivered himself of this speech when a cry, a cry deep with anguish, was heard from within. The detective rose from his stooping position and clutched his companion by the arm. "Desperate things here!" he muttered in an undertone. "We must see what it means. We must break in. Help me." And setting his shoulder against the door, with little aid from Allanby, he wrenched it open and they stumbled into the room. "Hold him! Hold him!" cried a strident voice, and Allanby was conscious of a dark figure thrusting itself past him, and then Pendrick closed in on it. "There was a scuffling sound and the fall of a heavy body on the floor. All this had happened in such a short time that he could hardly realize what had happened, for the room was dark except for the faint moonlight that

shone in through a narrow window. Suddenly a faint light appeared, and he saw the detective standing by a table, a tin lamp which he had just lit at his elbow. "Next mind about him for the present," said Pendrick, as Allanby cast a fearful look at a figure lying on the floor. "I'd rather look at the man, but I had to quiet him." "Has he gone? Has he gone?" called out a voice. "Say, did you let him go?" and out of a far corner a man made his stumbling way. Pendrick stepped forward to meet him, took him in his arms, and, seeing the man was far spent, helped him over to a ragged sofa by the window and forced him to lie down. "Did he get away? Did he get away?" muttered Dawkins. "At that brief moment of his appearance Allanby had recognized the young rogue. "No, he is still here," said Pendrick soothingly, and he pointed to the figure that lay on the floor with extended arms. Dawkins lay back on the ragged sofa and breathed a long sigh of content. "Well, don't lose sight of him, gent. For though I don't know ye, I guess ye'r friends, and I'm thinkin' it's about time ye, I guess ye'r friends, and I'm thinkin' as if to suppose a cry of pain. The detective, seeing that the man was in agony, took a flask out of his pocket and allowed some of the contents to trickle down the other's throat. "Are you sure he's safe? Are ye sure he won't get away?" asked Dawkins, as he cast another look at the man on the floor. The draught he had taken seemed to have recuperated him amazingly. "He will stay here as long as I wish him to," said the detective, grimly. "I'm glad o' that," murmured the other. "For the devil tried to kill me, and I don't know but what he's succeeded," holding his hand hard against his breast. He looked up after a spasm of pain, and his eyes met those of Allanby. "What, you here? Yes, now I remember. I sent you note. Say, you wouldn't be sorry if I was took off sudden, would you?" Allanby drew nearer to the couch, and the detective sat down close by, his eyes fixed on the man on the floor. Allanby saw that the young man was wounded, perhaps dangerously, and did not feel it in his heart to utter a harsh word. "Well, I guess I'm done for. Your business with me is squared all right," continued Dawkins, "nebbo now I kin do ye a good turn." He rolled over on his side and pointed to the man on the floor. "There is the feller that killed Sellen, an I guess I got enough strength left in me ter prove it." Pendrick, who had been listening, stooped down and turned the man at his feet over so that the face was exposed to the light. "Why, it's Cleveland," he muttered. "Jaso. Ah, ye didn't think of him, did ye, Mr. Pen-

Chauncey M. Depew Still Holds That Optimism Always Wins.

A Vitascope-Stenographic Interview with the Professor Emeritus of the Old Jokes' Home, United States Senator, Giver of Free Advice on Salary, Income Increaser and Chestnut Vendor, on How to Be Happy on a Large Income.

By Roy L. McCardell.

YOUR name? A. Chauncey Mitchell Depew. Q. You received \$20,000 a year from the Equitable. What services did you render for that money? A. I gave advice freely. Q. Free? A. No, not free; freely. Q. You have resigned from the Equitable's Board of Directors. Why? A. Well, you see, I am in my seventy-second year, and I want to rest up a bit. When I was a boy in Peekskill I would not have minded how many salaries I received, but as the Equitable intends to cut off the salary I have decided that it doesn't pay simply to be a director. I miss the old crowd, when we used to meet and crack a few jokes and raise each other's incomes. Q. How about the loan of \$250,000 to the Depew Land and Improvement Company? A. All we need to make that a paying proposition is to get a lot of people to put more money in it. Q. Won't Mr. Ryan do that for you? A. Well, you see, the State Insurance Department says it's only worth \$150,000, and except when it comes to paying money to himself Mr. Ryan is what you might call a tight wad. Q. Have you anything to say about the disclosures regarding the waste of money while you were a director in the Equitable? A. Not a thing more than what I have always said, that "Optimism always wins."

Q. How so? A. Well, so long as we were one happy family at the Equitable, raising each other's salaries, buying stock from ourselves at our own prices, lending money to our business and social friends, look how happy we were! That was because we were optimistic. "It is a good thing," we said, "let us push it along!" Then Hyde and Alexander fell out. I tried to soothe them. The State Insurance Department used to look at the books through concrete spectacles. There was no worry, no trouble. All was harmony and get rich real quick. Then, as I said, Hyde and Alexander fell out. That was pessimism. What was the result? All those pleasant days are over. Harriman and Hyde have quarrelled, I lose \$20,000 a year, and Thomas F. Ryan has gobbled up the Equitable. Ryan will get everything. Paul Morton is cutting down salaries, the insurance business is at a standstill. That's what pessimism does for us! Q. What would you recommend? A. The good old ways of the good old days. Optimism on all sides. The policy-holders thinking they would get something some day, all our happy little Equitable family getting something every day. Everybody friendly. Laughter from the Board of Directors' room as all salaries were raised and a pleasant report consisting of rows of fat figures given out to the policy-holders. And now see what pessimism is doing. Mr. Harriman saying "Wow! Wow!" young Mr. Hyde not giving any more dinners and balls, policy-holders raising a row, papers saying unpleasant things.



All those pleasant days are over.

Q. Why do you not try to restore optimism? Why do you resign your \$20,000-a-year retainer? A. Because they won't let me retain her. And— Q. And what? A. And because I am seventy-two and have become pessimistic myself. Q. How so? A. My dear boy, they forget how well I could attend everybody's business but my own. I put in that resignation as a fire-escape.

Society's Queer Pets. All for One Cent. A LONDON society woman has a small white beribboned pig sitting beside her when she rides out in her automobile. Another woman without her pet penguin. Aristides, the intelligent creature carrying her handbag in his bill. Another pig in horns topped as tonneau seats. One has the option of staying all day.

May Manton's Daily Fashions.

Bishop styles make notable features of the season and have extended into the realm of even the tiniest of babies. Illustrated is a most attractive little dress, which is made of Persian lawn and is finished only with frills of the material, but which appropriately can be made from any material in use for infants' dresses. The simplicity of the model makes its essential charm and also renders it exceedingly valuable to busy mothers. While it involves the very least possible labor, it is altogether charming and an attractive in effect. The quantity of material required is 2 1/4 yards 3/4 inches wide. Pattern 5095 is cut in one size only.



Infant's Bishop Dress—Pattern No. 5095.

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